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THREE riders raced on the broad highway— The devil, a woman, a man— And, spurring his steed, laughed the devil gay, "Come, follow me, ye who can!" Three riders raced, and the stakes were sin, Over the broad highway, And the devil was second in coming in— For the woman led the way. —Life.

WE have recently had the hottest February day in many years.

SENATOR ALLISON acknowledged that the Dingley Bill is as rank failure as its predecessor, the Wilson Bill.

FAMINE is bringing the war to an end in Cuba. The mere loss of the island will not be half the punishment Spain should be made to suffer for her inhumanity.

THE ocean steamer Veendam, bound from Rotterdam to New York, struck a sunken wreck and sunk. The crew and passengers, numbering 212, were saved in the nick of time by the St. Louis.

THE United States demands an apology of Spain. For barbarous cruelties inflicted on Cubans? No, but for words taken from the stock of the Democratic Editor and spoken by one man against Mr. McKinley.

WITH Alaska claiming our surplus population on one side, and on the other fighting Spain, will make more room for the rest of us, if we go to war over the patriots who are trying to get the inestimable blessings of liberty which we enjoy, and grumble.

THESE sunny days that bring Thoughts of beautiful, balmy spring, Add new vigor to the life, Make us stronger in the strife For the noble end, our aim, In the battle for good fame. But within my soul there steals Promptings that the farmer feels, Instinct brings the message now, "It is time to start the plow."

WE Democrats have called President McKinley names a thousand times worse than those used by those used by the Spanish Minister, De Lome; but we consider it just as such an outrage as the most consistent Republican in the land. The right to vilify our leaders belongs to the American people, and when the foreigner repeats some of our stock expressions we rise up in our wrath and make him go home.

SINCE the New York Sun referred to the Harrisonburg "Spirit of the Valley" as "our esteemed contemporary," the editor thereof has been fast getting too big for his breeches. He feels that in exchange for that bright luminary he can dispense with a whole field full of ordinary contemporaries. He therefore begins to discard. He calls the editor of the Pocahontas Times a "polecat." He, probably, does not know that in these woods that is a mortal offense, and is an insult that can only be wiped out by combat a la mort. We therefore throw down our glove to the "esteemed contemporary of the New York Sun."

WE have endeavored to get some particulars concerning the finding of the dead body of a game warden near Horton in Randolph County, but have been unable to do so. The Beverly and Elkins papers, from the county in which it happened, were content with a two-inch notice of this important matter, and did no more than verify the report. They were compelled to give room to extensive articles on the money question. When the game law was passed, those acquainted with the temper of the mountain people, said that the game wardens could not search a man's house with impunity, and those most anxious to protect the game predicted such results to the more adventurous of these officials. Horton has recently had some trouble with game wardens and there have been some trials and a conviction or two for violation of the game laws. A correspondent to the Allghanian spoke very harshly of these deputy game wardens. It is a most terrible result of the local war between the hunter and the man who was tracking him down.

THE GREENBRIER RAILROAD.

An article in this paper two weeks ago pointing out the fact that the Greenbrier Railroad was apparently missing the best route, has occasioned a good deal of comment. An anonymous writer in the Greenbrier Independent discourages the investigation which we invite, but we do not care to reply to him farther than to say we do not contend with a man who fights under cover. We feel quite able to tell even so great a man as Mr Ingalls, or any other stranger, a great deal that he does not know in regard to the county of Pocahontas. Great man that he is, he does not know who lives on the back road to Edray.

When the internal improvements of the old State of Virginia were projected into this county there were some grave mistakes made. The Staunton and Parkersburg turnpike, by wirework in the legislature, crossed the mountains at the highest and most out of the way points. When the State road was built from Lewisburg to Marlinton the road was put over Spring Creek Mountain and Droop Mountain when both could have been avoided and the road made no longer. It suited the personal convenience of some citizens of the Levels to connect Renick's Valley and the Levels, and in spite of the valley of the Greenbrier offering a natural way into the county, the engineer put the road over two of the worst mountains in the State. It so outraged an old man, who as a local surveyor was assisting the engineer, that he quit the surveying corps in disgust.

THE GOSHORN TRIAL.

For the past week or so, J. W. Goshorn has been on trial for felony in the criminal court of Kanawha County. It is almost impossible to tell what the merits of the case are. The people of Kanawha have allowed so much looseness in their courts that the old statement "what is called smartness there is known as rascality elsewhere" is more particularly true of Kanawha than probably any other county in the State. The trial will be completed this week. The case is about as follows.

Goshorn is ex-county clerk, and a man of wealth and position. He has never had the least trouble in changing his politics, and at the last election he suddenly experienced a change of heart and came out as a Republican. He fought the present clerk, E. W. Staunton, hard for the place, but was beaten. Ill feeling arose between them. Last fall Goshorn was accused as he was coming out of the office with having in his pocket some vouchers in the shape of cancelled road orders. He produced them at once. The State proves by the county clerk and deputies that Goshorn had planned to get these orders and destroy them to get the late sheriff into trouble. Goshorn swears that the deputy gave him the orders to make copies of and that he would have returned them. The best that the prosecution can make out of it is that they conspired with the defendant and did evil that good might come of it.

WHIPPED BY YOUNG LADIES.

The ethics of Charleston permit the temporary suspension of the rule against assault and battery long enough to allow innocent young girls to horsewhip a man who slanders them. Charleston has a long suspension bridge over the Kanawha to the Chesapeake & Ohio depot. On this bridge the Misses Ketchmar, aged 16 and 18 years, met a young man named Brittingham, and having two stout horse-whips they beat him until he ran, and followed him the whole length of the bridge whipping him every step. The man had a warrant issued for the girls and the trial was held before a justice and a jury. The evidence showed that Brittingham was a discarded lover of the elder Ketchmar young lady, and that he had told Miss Lida Reveal that the Ketchmar girls were not decent and were unfit for her to associate with. Miss Reveal was true to her name, and told the Ketchmar girls. They took summary revenge on the young man in the manner above described. At the closing of the testimony the justice instructed the jury to acquit the young ladies, which was accordingly done. The girls were very respectable and well connected. The man did not have a friend in court, and a tremendous cheer greeted the news of the acquittal.

Bubbles or Medals. "Best sarsaparilla." When you think of it how contradictory that term is. For there can be only one best in anything— one best sarsaparilla, as there is one highest mountain, one longest river, one deepest ocean. And that best sarsaparilla is—? There's the rub! You can measure mountain in height and ocean depth, but how test sarsaparilla? You could if you were chemists. But then do you heed to test it? The World's Fair Committee tested it, —and thoroughly. They went behind the label on the bottle. What did this sarsaparilla test result in? Every make of sarsaparilla shut out of the Fair, except Ayer's. So it was that Ayer's was the only sarsaparilla admitted to the World's Fair. The committee found it the best. They had no room for anything that was not the best. And as the best, Ayer's Sarsaparilla received the medal and awards due its merits. Remember the word "best" is a bubble any breath can blow; but there are pins to prick such bubbles. Those others are blowing more "best sarsaparilla" bubbles since the World's Fair pricked the old ones. True, but Ayer's Sarsaparilla has the medal. The pin that scratches the medal proves it gold. The pin that pricks the bubble proves it wind. We point to medals, not bubbles, when we say: The best sarsaparilla is Ayer's.

THE YALE PROBLEM.

The problem from the New York Sun in this paper recently has caused a good deal of comment. The question is: How much will ten yards of silk cost at \$1.00 per yard? J. A. G. writes from Ronceverte to give the solution, as the correctness of the result has been doubted by some of the silk merchants of that town. The silk costs, \$10,010.

1 divided by 1001 = 1/1001 = .001

1000 plus 1 = 1001 dollars per yd. 1001 x 10 yd = \$10,010.

This simple illustration will prove the quantity of the fraction, i. e.

.001 = 1/1001 being 1000 times greater must necessarily be 1000.

Here are some questions for solution: A boy had sixty apples in his basket, which he sold at the rate of five for two cents. The basket being too heavy for him, he divided the apples into lots of thirty each. One lot he sold at the rate of 3 for 2 cents; the other lot, of thirty, at the rate of 2 for 1 cent. Did he gain or lose by the transaction and why?

Two boys, A and B, had apples. A said to B, give me one apple and I will have as many as you. B said to A, give me one of yours and I will have twice as many as you. Solution desired.

MAPLE SUGAR.

The weather lately has been ideal sugar weather. Hard freezing weather yielding to bright, clear days makes the sap to flow. Last Monday a large sugar tree was cut down near Marlinton, and the tree "bled" until the ground was soaked. The discovery that sugar could be manufactured from this tree was not made until the eighteenth century. It was a prime necessity in those days when the pioneer raised everything he used on his farm.

The maple and sycamore belong to the same genus, which includes about fifty species the world over. Maples are generally classed by their leaves, having what is called palmately-lobed leaves. The fruit is a two winged "samara." America has two species, the sugar, rock, or birdseye maple, (acer saccharinum); and the scarlet maple (acer rubrum). The wood is close grained and takes the place of oak tolerably well. It is unexcelled for fuel and charcoal, and the ashes are rich in alkaline principles. A great deal of potash is manufactured from the ashes.

Sugar is made principally from the sugar maple. The French-Canadians use the other species sometimes, but the yield is not more than one half as great. The trees begin to flow at the first warm weather after the winter freezes. A good deal depends upon the location of the tree. Those trees on southern exposures have an earlier season than those which are more or less sheltered from the effects of the rays of the sun. Trees growing in low, moist situations furnish the most sap, but it is not so sweet. A cold north-west wind with frosty nights and sunny days incites the flow, which is most abundant in the day, entirely ceasing at night when the temperature is below the freezing point. A thawing night sometimes pro-

A PROSE POEM.

CALHOUN has a new paper, The Signal. It breathes forth the pure and unadulterated principles of Democracy. The editor, E. H. Craddock, in his first issue publishes his resignation as chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Calhoun County. In his piece he has the following word painting:

"With these few broken remarks we launch our hopeful ship, fully equipped, out on the beautiful bosom of the sea of journalism, and all are invited to drop in and see how proudly she rides the crested waves, and how sweetly her banner careers to the tender kisses of the zephyrs."

He will get down to the reality of life by the time he pies a form.

LATEST.—Just before going to press we received a line from a prominent man in New York City, which says we can be sure that the Greenbrier Rail Road will be built.

The novelist Zola is undergoing his trial for criminal libel. He had taken up the Dreyfus case.

DR DANIEL of the Texas Medical Journal, referring to typographical errors, gives an amusing experience in that line. He says he wrote: "Dr Jno. Bailyhache act 74 years, born July 22, 1822 and died—" Imagine his disgust when it appeared in the Journal: "Dr Belyhache ate 74 years of corn July 22, 1822, and died."

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To the Public. I have a large stock of goods on hand too large for my capital—and am compelled to sell out close to pay my bills and get ready for my Spring Stock. A Pointer. Always if you want to buy cheap go to the man who is compelled to sell. "Come one, come all!" I will give you better bargains than ever before for cash and good trade. All persons knowing themselves indebted to me, please call and settle. My rule is "Cash or good trade," but by special arrangement I have a few accounts out. On these I can give but short notice. YOURS FOR BUSINESS. S. J. Boggs.

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